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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SEATO

SUBJ: TWENTIETH SEATO COUNCIL MEETING

1. DATE PREFERENCE FOR THE 20TH COUNCIL MEETING CENTERS ON 25 SEPTEMBER WITH EXCEPTION OF AUSTRALIA WHO PREFERS 24 SEPTEMBER WHICH NEW ZEALAND FINDS UNACCEPTABLE. WE ANTICIPATE DECISION ON DATES AT COUNCIL REPS MEETING ON 20 AUGUST. THE THAI PWG MEMBER GAVE HIS VERBAL UNDERSTANDING AT PWG MEETING ON 13 AUGUST THAT THE THAI WOULD PROBABLY ACT AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING AS PROMISED LAST YEAR. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO CONFIRM THIS UNTIL HE RECEIVED WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM APPROPRIATE MFA AUTHORITIES.

2. THE PHILIPPINE PWG MEMBER DURING 13 AUGUST MEETING, VOLUNTEERED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT SEATO COULD BE DISBANDED AT ANY TIME. HE ADDED THAT THIS DECISION DEPENDED ON THE RTG VIEW WHICH HE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING. THE THAI PWG MEMBER RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY HIGH RTG OFFICIALS THAT THE RTG LOOKED TO A PHASING OUT OF SEATO OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS. HE  
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BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THE TIME FRAME SHOULD BE DECIDED

IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL SEATO MEMBERS AT THE FORTH-  
COMING COUNCIL MEETING AND NOT BETWEEN THE RTG AND THE  
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.  
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